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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 10/603,278
 Applicant(s) : John Keeney Howie, et al.
 Filed : June 25, 2003
 Title : METHOD FOR REDUCTION OF ACRYLAMIDE IN COCOA PRODUCTS, COCOA PRODUCTS HAVING REDUCED LEVELS OF ACRYLAMIDE, AND ARTICLE OF COMMERCE
 TC/A.U. : 1761
 Examiner : Keith D. Hendricks
 Conf. No. : 4432
 Docket No. : 9285L
 Customer No. : 27752

1. No additional fees (claims fees or extension fees) are known to be required.
2. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	* 17	MINUS	** 18	= 0	x \$18 =	\$0
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$300 =	\$0
					TOTAL	\$0

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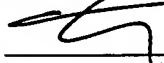
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3. The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$430.00 for a two-month extension of time.
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COMMERCE

AMENDMENT AFTER OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.